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HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

NOTIFICATION

Shimla-171001, 28th June, 2006

No. HP/SCW/4-1/99-1004.—Whereas the H. P. State Commission for Women is empowered to regulate its own procedures And Whereas, it is necessary to frame such procedures so as to provide an effective frame work for the commission's working. Therefore, the Commission in exercise of powers under section (2) of section 9 of the H. P. State Commission for Women Act, 1996 hereby, notifies the regulations of the Commission namely the H. P. State Commission for Women Regulation-2006, which shall become effective from the date of publication in the Rajpatra.

These Regulations are hereby notified in the official Gazette after the approval of the Commission in its meeting on 26-05-2006.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
REGULATIONS-2006

1. Title.—These Regulations Shall be called the H. P. State Commission for Women Regulations-2006.

2. *Definitions.*—In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “Act” means the H. P. State Commission for Women Act, 1996 (Act No. 22 of 1997);
- (b) “Proceedings” means and includes the cases taken up by the Commission in discharge of its functions assigned to it under the Act.

3. *Procedures.*—The Commission shall conduct all its proceedings based on the principles of natural justice. For effective and early disposal of grievances and in the matters brought before the commission, it would not follow detailed procedures of civil or revenue courts or other quasi judicial bodies.

4. No Stamp duty or Court fees is liable to be deposited/affixed on the petitions or applications presented before the commission.

5. The business of the Commission, including its hearings would be conducted either in Hindi or English languages.

6. Aggrieved people and other applicants may send their prayers/applications of petitions on a simple paper bringing out the facts of the complaint or grievance. The application shall also contain the names and addresses of the person(s) sought to be examined by the commission.

7. In cases of domestic violence/family and marital disputes and other such related subjects, the commission would follow the principles of natural justice. It would have the power to hold in camera proceedings in cases where the same are warranted, in the interest of justice and to resolve the dispute. The Commission would attach utmost importance to conciliation and resolution of disputes between the parties at minimum cost and harassment to the parties. To facilitate decisions and to avoid expensive litigation, the concerned parties would be required to present their submissions orally, in person or through authorized family members or through “representatives”.

8. The Commission shall be free to use the existing process serving agencies of the State Government namely the Police and Revenue Department for enforcement of attendance of witnesses and persons, in order to facilitate the work of the Commission. The commission shall also use other normal means of communication such as ordinary/registered/speed post/courier fax/e-post etc. so as to summon the parties and persons before the commission.

9. The commission may at its discretion, direct payment of costs and expenses, by any of the parties to the dispute, so as to facilitate investigation of the case and matter and to enable production of evidence before the commission.

10. The chairperson of the commission shall approve all proceedings before the commission. The chairperson may however authorize the Member-Secretary of the Commission to dispose routine matters relating to hearings/petitions/applications before the commission at his/her level. The proceedings before the commission shall not be questioned or held to be invalid merely on the grounds, of absence of any of its members. The chairperson may authorize any of the members of the commission to temporarily officiate as the Chairperson in her absence who will thus perform the duties and functions enshrined under the Act.

11. The Chairperson of the Commission may authorize any of the staff members of the Commission to perform the current duties of the Member-Secretary, in the absence of a regular Member-Secretary.

12. *Residuary and Interpretation clause.*—The Chairperson of the Commission shall be competent to issue necessary instructions by office orders, to fill in any gaps in these regulations so as to facilitate the functioning of the Commission. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be empowered to interpret any of the provisions of these regulations.

Sd/-
Member-Secretary